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Filed: January 27, 2000

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Group Art Unit 1762

Examiner: K. Bareford

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M# Client Ref

Appln. Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
CONTROLLING THICKNESS DURING  
SPIN COATING (AS AMENDED)

Date: December 6, 2001

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

## FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim		For B & C See <b>Required</b> <b>Separate</b> Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm	
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3. Independent Claims				2	***minus	3	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) .....						add		+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0	104/204
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				(Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA - - - 5 mos)	\$1,960/\$980 =					128/228
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or if Rule 97(d) Request .....						+ \$180		+ \$0		
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....						+ \$740/370		+ \$0		
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b) .....						x \$740/370 ea		+ \$0		
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....						+ \$740/370		+ \$0		
14. Petition fee for .....								+ \$0		
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits of the Continued Prosecution Application  
filed September 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the current title with --METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
CONTROLLING THICKNESS DURING SPIN COATING--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13, 15 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 14, 16, 18 and 19 as follows:

14. (Amended) A method of applying at least one layer of a viscous fluid onto  
at least one planar substrate, comprising:  
pumping the viscous fluid with a dosing pump to a dosing arm connected to  
the dosing pump and positioned over the at least one substrate;

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